

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response to Office Action is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2006. Claims 1-24 and 26-36 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-24, 35, and 36 have been allowed. Claims 26-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, Examiner indicates that Claims 26-34 depend from previously canceled Claim 25, and therefore have insufficient antecedent basis for the limitations in the claims.

In response to this rejection, Claim 5 has been amended to correct a minor informality and Claims 26, 29, and 32-34 have been amended to depend from pending and allowed Claim 24, without prejudice or disclaimer to continued examination on the merits. Based upon these amendments, allowance of the Application is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants would like to thank Examiner for the attention and consideration accorded the present Application. Should Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place the Application in condition for allowance, Examiner is encouraged to contact undersigned Counsel at the telephone number, facsimile number, address, or email address provided below. It is not believed that any fees for additional claims, extensions of time, or the like are required beyond those that may otherwise be indicated in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if such additional fees are required, Examiner is encouraged to notify undersigned Counsel at Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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